Guiding Principles

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Relevant Policies and documentation

1. Fundamental, Operations Principles and Code of Practice
2. International Handbook for Award Leaders
3. Award Learning Policy

1. Introduction

This document articulates the core guiding principles of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, which serve as the foundation for delivering a consistent and impactful experience across our global network.

These principles are designed to ensure that every young participant embarks on a journey that is not only rewarding and fulfilling but also tailored to foster personal growth and a lasting legacy. By adhering to these principles, we maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the Award, ensuring it remains accessible, engaging, and transformative for all involved.

2. Context and Guiding Principles

The Award is structured around ten guiding principles that form the bedrock of our programme's philosophy and operational approach. These principles guarantee that each participant's experience is personalised, challenging, and beneficial, aligning with our mission to facilitate their development into well-rounded, confident, and responsible young adults. Each principle has been thoughtfully established to cater to the diverse needs and circumstances of our participants while upholding the standards of excellence and inclusivity that the Award is known for.

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Individual

Individuals design their own programme, which can be tailored to suit their personal circumstances, choices and local provision. They start at whichever level suits them best and they can take as long as they wish (within the age limit) to achieve their Award.

Non-competitive

Doing their Award is a personal challenge and not a competition against others. Every participant's programme is tailor-made to reflect their individual starting point, abilities and interests.

Achievable

An Award is achievable by any individual who chooses to take up the challenge, regardless of ability, gender, background or location, with the right guidance and inspiration.

Voluntary

Whilst the Award may be offered within school, college, work time, custody or extra-curricular activity, individuals choose to do a programme and must commit some of their free time to undertake their activities..

Development

Participating in their Award programme fosters personal and social development. Individuals gain valuable experiences and life skills, grow in confidence and become more aware of their environment and community transforming them in to responsible young adults.

Balanced

The Award provides a balanced framework to develop the individual's mind, body and community spirit by engaging them in range of activities in up to five different challenges.

Progressive

At each level of engagement, the Award demands progressively more time, commitment and responsibility from the participant.

Inspiration

The Award inspires individuals to exceed their expectations. They are encouraged to set their own challenges and goals before starting an activity, aim for these goals and by showing improvement will achieve an Award.

Persistence

The Award requires persistence and cannot be completed with a short burst of enthusiasm. Participants are encouraged to continue with activities and to maintain their interest beyond their programme requirements.

Enjoyable

Participants and Leaders should find the Award enjoyable, fulfilling and rewarding.

Empower Future Generations to Excel

Your centre is more than a place of learning—it's where young people ignite their passion for adventure and acquire a thirst for knowledge. As a Duke of Edinburgh's Award centre, you uphold the highest standards of safety and incident reporting. This steadfast commitment ensures that young adventurers can explore and grow with peace of mind, secure in the knowledge that their well-being is prioritised, paving the way for their lifelong success

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